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25X1 1. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and obtained his signature on a secrecy agreement for a sensitive project.

Briefed Slatinshek on the current Middle East situation.

25X1 2. [] Following my above meeting with Mr. Slatinshek he called in John J. Ford, of the Committee staff, and we discussed the problem of the "Fulbright amendment" to the Military Procurement Authorization bill which goes to the House-Senate Conference next week. Slatinshek was under the impression that the amendment would cause grave problems for the Agency's operations in Southeast Asia and asked what we proposed to do about it. I explained to him our earlier meeting with Russ Blandford and Pentagon representatives (see Journal of 3 September) with which Slatinshek was apparently unfamiliar. I went on to say we had since discussed the matter among ourselves and that our current, but perhaps not final, position was that while the amendment might cause us some trouble, it was unlikely it could be struck out of the bill entirely and as an alternative it might be amended as Blandford had suggested. Slatinshek was puzzled and obviously annoyed that the DOD had not taken exception to the Fulbright amendment, and asked that we provide him by close of business tomorrow, Friday, 18 September, any arguments which Chairman Rivers might use in seeking (a) the deletion and (b) the revision, of the Fulbright amendment.

25X1 3. [] Met briefly with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, 25X1 House Armed Services Committee, and summarized the Middle East situation.

25X1 4. [] Briefed Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the highlights of the present Middle East situation. Stennis said he very much hoped to call on us for a full round-up briefing in the near future, explaining that he realized this was long overdue but his hectic recent schedule had made it quite impossible.

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25X1 4. [] On the advice of [] OSI, I told George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, that the Agency had not issued a report on the above matter. We were familiar with it, however, and did participate in the meetings at the undersecretary level. Mr. Murphy thanked me for the response.

25X1 5. [] Met with Chairman George P. Miller and Charles F. Ducander, Executive Director and Chief Counsel, House Science and Astronautics Committee. The Chairman told me that he has delayed the beginning of Committee hearings on the Soviet space program pending resolution of the vetoed appropriations bill which included funds for current space activities. He would, however, appreciate a briefing for his special group to bring them up to date on Soviet space activities. A tentative date was set for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 24 September. I briefed the Chairman and Mr. Ducander on the Soviet SL-12 unmanned lunar probe. Mr. Duckett has been advised.

25X1 6. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on reported arrests of Egyptian officers; continued SAM activity in the standstill zone; Soviet unmanned lunar probe; and reported preparation of Soviet submarine facilities in Cuba.

25X1 7. [] Met with James E. Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him for Representative Olin E. Teague (D., Tex.), Chairman of the Manned Space Flight Subcommittee, on the Soviet SL-12 unmanned lunar probe.

25X1 8. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, who advised that we are scheduled for Tuesday, 22 September, but no time has been set for the meeting. He also renewed his budget question to which I responded that I hoped we would be back to him tomorrow. See Journal item of 11 September 1970.

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25X1 6. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, regarding an Agency budget matter and about the Director's availability to appear before our House Appropriations Subcommittee in the next several days.

After checking with the Director's office, I called Preston back to set a tentative time of 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 September for the Director's appearance. Preston indicated the Committee wants a general roundup covering developments since the Director's last briefing (11 May 1970) with special emphasis on the Middle East.

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25X1 7. [] Delivered to the office of Representative Hamilton Fish (R., N. Y.) an [] in which his name was mentioned.

25X1 8. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the Chairman will be back on board on Monday. Chairman Rivers will be passing through the city tonight, coming into Dulles and continuing on to Charleston. It was noted that the Senate did not request conference on the Military Procurement Authorization Act when it was forwarded to the House and that in consequence it may well be the week of 21 September before conference is scheduled on the bill.

I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the following items: continuing SAM activity in the canal standstill zone; potential Soviet aircraft shipments to the UAR; operational assignment of [] and Foxbat aircraft, and Soviet military aid commitments to Pakistan.

25X1 9. [] Talked to Justine Snipes, House Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that Bun Bray would be away for the day and for the coming week. The Subcommittee has not scheduled meetings for the coming week.

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10. [] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and discussed in some detail the Military Procurement Authorization Act and the amendments that were made by the Senate. He noted that this bill is apparently headed into difficulty in conference between the Senate and House Armed Services Committee, at least in part due to the very strong position already taken by Chairman Rivers with regard to the points at issue. He also noted the present adjournment talk in the Senate (15 October) does not appear very realistic at this time.

I briefed Mr. Preston on the following items: aerial hijacking and PFLP; continuing SAM activity in the canal standstill zone; potential Soviet aircraft shipments to the UAR; operational assignment of [] and Foxbat aircraft, and Soviet military aid commitments to Pakistan.

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11. [] In the absence of Jay Sourwine and Jack Norpel from the office, delivered to James Ziglar, Research Assistant, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, prints of negatives they had supplied and told Ziglar that the movie film would be ready later next week. (See Journal of 17 August.) []

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Thursday - 10 September 1970

25X1 1. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and provided copies of the recent press attacks on Representative Philip J. Philbin (D., Mass.) and Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.). I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the following items: aircraft hijack; Chinese preparations for nuclear tests; Chinese destroyer and submarine construction; Soviet SA-6 mobile SAM system and deployment of AS missiles to long range aviation; Soviet SS-NX-8 test failure; continued Egyptian construction of SAM sites; and Soviet naval vessels in the Caribbean.

25X1 2. [] Met with Miss Stephanie A. Solari, Assistant to Representative John W. Byrnes (R., Wis.), and discussed with her Representative Byrnes' letter to Mr. Maury concerning the Agency budget and appropriations process. Miss Solari fully appreciated the fact that this information is classified and not available for release to a constituent. They do need to respond to this particular constituent, but she felt the unclassified Agency pamphlet entitled The Central Intelligence Agency would more than serve the purpose.

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25X1 4. [] Called the office of Representative Morris Udall (D., Ariz.) in response to his recent inquiry to the White House about [] In Udall's absence left a message for him to call back at his convenience.

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25X1 10. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me the Committee attention over the next week or more will be occupied by the conference on the Military Procurement bill. Although Chairman Rivers is not scheduled to return until 14 September from the air show, there is some indication that he might come back late in the week. Mr. Slatinshek does not see any possibility for request for Agency briefing in the present Committee schedule.

25X1 11. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that although Chairman Mahon is in the city his schedule is committed over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Preston does not have any feeling at the moment as to when the Chairman will want to reschedule the Director's briefing which was cancelled before the recess.

25X1 12. [] Met with Edward Hugler, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who told me that Chairman Henderson was expected back possibly later in the day but that pending business may well foreclose any possibility of a Subcommittee executive meeting on S. 782 during this week.

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